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## PLAYING TRUANT ON MOUNT KENYA

### Daring exploit of three captives

FEW adventure-seekers of our time have surpassed the feat of three Italians who escaped from a British prisoner-of-war camp in Africa with the sole aim of climbing Mount Kenya; for they intended to return to the camp afterwards. Their amazing exploit, one of the strangest of the war, has now been told by their leader, Felice Benuzzi, in his book *No Picnic on Mount Kenya* (William Kimber, 15s.).

Felice writes that when on his arrival at the prison camp he saw "an ethereal mountain emerging from a tossing sea of clouds . . . austere yet floating fairy-like on the near horizon," he immediately fell in love with it.

An enthusiastic mountaineer, he decided he must get out of the camp for a little holiday, climbing that "massive blue-black tooth of sheer rock inlaid with azure glaciers," which, he learned, had been climbed only nine times.

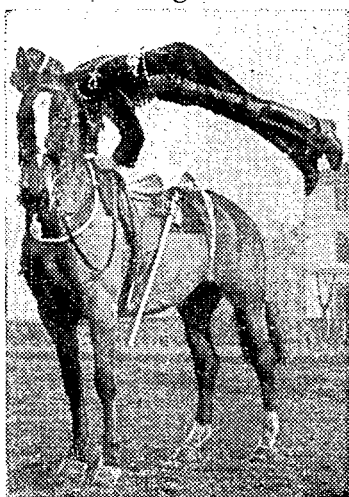
#### CRAZY IDEA

Felice's fellow prisoners thought him crazy. How, they asked, do helpless prisoners set about climbing a 17,000-foot-high mountain which has been attempted only by explorers with guns and accompanied by a train of natives carrying stores?

Nevertheless, Felice persuaded two others to join in his fantastic scheme—a doctor named Giuan, and Enzo, who had the reputation of being as mad as a hatter.

Felice knew nothing about Mount Kenya, but he found a newspaper article describing it. This stated that its lower slopes were covered with dense forest, teeming with dangerous wild animals, then by cold, desolate moorland leading up to the eternal snow-clad crags and the glaciers of the peaks themselves. More than ever Felice felt the lustrous mountain beckoning him.

#### Vaulting horse



A member of the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery caught by the camera in an acrobatic leap as he dismounts.

The three adventurers began to make their secret preparations. With wonderful ingenuity they used odds and ends to make spiked climbing crampons for their boots, ice axes, a small tent with poles, cooking gadgets, and an Italian flag which they hoped to set up on the Batian, the highest peak. They also accumulated enough food to last them for ten days. All this and more they would have to carry in home-made rucksacks.

Their escape from the camp was not difficult. They hid in the vegetable garden where the prisoners worked, and slipped out at nightfall.

#### WITHOUT A MAP

Having no map, they decided to follow one of the mountain streams, and in the forest they found one which they judged came from a glacier far above. They walked on the pebbles in its bed when the jungle came too close to its banks.

As Felice had expected, they were surrounded by breath-taking beauty—the beauty of vast trees covered with creepers; of flowers, some shining like flames against the dark background; of coloured birds without number, dazzling butterflies, troops of monkeys. At every bend they saw new marvels that made them shout like school-boys. It was fun, too, to be free!

But soon they found the spoor of animals against which they were defenceless. The first monster they saw as a grey-black mass rubbing itself against a tree. They took refuge on a rock, but the rhino did not notice them and blundered away into the forest.

#### SEEN BY ELEPHANT

Later they were drying their socks and boots in the sun when an enormous bull elephant came down to drink. It watched them with its little eyes for a time, then, with a contemptuous wave of its trunk, walked away.

At night the three climbers pitched their tent, lit a fire of dead wood, and cooked some of their meagre food supply, afterwards taking turns to keep watch.

As they clambered up their river-bed which had become a staircase, with the water foaming down between rocks, they found it tough going, but still enjoyed their freedom hugely.

## Her holidays go with a swing!



## A SMASHING SUCCESS

A spectacular head-on collision between two real trains was arranged for the new Paramount film, *The Denver & Rio Grande*, a story of pioneer railway construction.

The thrill was provided by two 70-year-old locomotives, belching plenty of smoke, and each hauling a train of wooden cars. They were to collide at a place which a spectator called "Scrap Iron Junction," in Colorado, beside the Rio de las Animas Perdidas (the River of Lost Souls).

The two trains backed away from each other; then, at a signal, their crews started them forward at full speed and jumped clear. The two engines smacked into each other with a tremendous roar.

Flame, smoke, steam, and jagged chunks of steel burst skyward.

Five cameramen, protected by heavy plank barricades from flying metal and scalding steam, unflinchingly stood beside the track and made the shots for a film which will doubtless be a "smashing success."

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## TRIESTE JIGSAW

By the CN Diplomatic Correspondent

THE problem of Trieste, the Free Territory lying between Italy and Yugoslavia at the head of the Adriatic, has once again become serious and has called for consultations between our Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the Ministers of other countries.

Since the end of the World War, both Italy and Yugoslavia have laid claim to Trieste, and out of the dispute has arisen a difficult diplomatic jigsaw puzzle.

Recent demonstrations, parades, and disturbances in the Free Territory of Trieste, and in Italy, have made the need for a settlement all the more urgent.

Under the Italian Peace Treaty of 1947 the Western Powers and Russia set up the Free Territory of Trieste. This embraced Zone A, the seaport and a region around it, to be controlled by the United Kingdom and United States, and, to the south of this, Zone B, which was to be controlled by Yugoslav troops. The appointment of an independent Governor was never agreed upon and matters have drifted on. Meanwhile, General Winterton is in control of Zone A and the seaport thrives. On their part the Yugoslavs have incorporated Zone B into their national customs system.

### CONTRARY VIEWS

This and similar actions by the Yugoslavs have made Italians, whose nationals preponderate in Zone A and formerly held Zone B, call attention to the view expressed by America, Britain, and France exactly four years ago that both the Zones should eventually become part of Italy.

From time to time Yugoslavia has shown a readiness to come to terms. She has suggested the absolute partitioning of the Free Territory, or else sharing equally in its Government. Italy, however, has always objected. She points to the jigsaw lines of the frontiers, should the Territory be divided according to the nationalities living in it.

As for sharing the sovereignty, any hint of this by the Italian

Government arouses the Neo-Fascists, a political group which—unluckily for Italy—has been growing stronger there. Remembering the pomp and colourful trappings of the days of Dictator Mussolini, the Neo-Fascists coolly ignore the fact that Mussolini plunged their country into disaster.

Their opposition to the moderate policy of Premier De Gasperi has troubled countries friendly to Italy because the situation in the Free Territory has begun to change.

### FEAR OF COMMUNISM

A few years ago many Triestines wanted Italian rule to be restored because they feared the iron hand of Communist Russia under the guise of Yugoslav rule.

But today the Yugoslav leader, Marshal Tito, is opposed to Russia, and, of course, to those Communists, both Italian and Yugoslav, who are joining forces with the Neo-Fascists in keeping the dispute alive.

Another factor is that some Triestines might today choose independence from both countries, considering that Italy could well guarantee their democratic freedom.

Furthermore, because Italians have left Zone B and gone to Zone A and Yugoslavs have taken their place, the Italian claim for both Zones based on the allied promise of 1948 is becoming more difficult to uphold.

Somehow a solution has to be found, and common sense demands that it should be one which both the rival claimants to Trieste, and the Triestines, can accept.

## Playing truant on Mount Kenya

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affected his heart. So Giuan and Felice decided to establish their base camp there and together attempt to climb Batian which, glittering and dream-like, still towered above them.

By this time their food was getting low, so they ate but a scanty breakfast before they walked to the base of the proud peak, roped themselves together, and began climbing from handhold to handhold, and crossing frozen expanses by means of their ice axes. After a time their lack of food began to tell on them and they progressed only by inches.

Then a blinding snowstorm swept over them, and they knew they could not go on. They even doubted whether they could get back. However, by finding the red paper arrows which Felice had wisely stuck in the snow at various points below them, they succeeded at last in descending to their tent, where Enzo was anxiously awaiting them.

Batian had beaten them, but the

dauntless Italians resolved to stay and have a go at a lesser height, Lenana. Two days later they scaled it, and set up their flag.

Now they were faced with the long hungry journey "home" to the prison camp. At night they lit big fires, but all they had to cook was a little rice, and tea and coffee without sugar. One morning, amid the glories of the forest, they divided their last biscuit.

They were starving as they broke into the prison camp, unobserved by the sentries, and went to their huts.

The penalty for breaking out of camp was 28 days in the cells, but the British Commandant, "in appreciation of their sporting effort," reduced their sentence to seven days.

In his cell Felice dreamed that Batian was saying to him: "... you did not conquer me, but you have reconquered yourselves."

Felice Benuzzi has certainly written himself and his comrades into the world's literature of high adventure.

## CAREERS IN FORESTRY

Boys who want an open-air life should be attracted by the idea of a job in the woodlands when they leave school, and it is good to learn that they can now have places reserved for them at one of the Forestry Commission's schools.

There are five Forester Training Schools (in Gloucestershire, East Anglia, North Wales, Argyllshire, and Peeblesshire), and they are available to selected candidates between 19 and 30. Young men who are accepted will still have to undergo National Service.

Free tuition, board and lodging, and certain cash allowances are given during the two-year course at the schools, which includes practical work in the woods as well as classroom instruction.

Students who obtain a Forester's certificate will be able to find posts with the Forestry Commission (which already administers 600,000 acres), on private estates, or in the Colonies.

More information can be obtained from the Chief Education Officer, Forestry Commission, 25 Savile Row, London, W.1.

### Arm in arm



Two young competitors in a dancing contest at Hastings.

### ONE OF SIX NOBLE NURSES

Miss Alice Elizabeth Briggs, who died recently at the age of 95, at Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, had a special place in the work of Florence Nightingale.

She was one of "six protégées of noble birth" selected by The Lady of the Lamp to be trained as nurses at Netley Military Hospital, and she was also one of the original sisters at the hospital.

### PASSING OF THE OLD DUN COW

A panel depicting the legendary killing by Guy of Warwick of the Dun Cow on Dunsmore Heath, near Coventry, was recently placed in position in the Broadgate House, overlooking the Godiva Garden Island in that city.

Cast in plaster and finished in colour, it is the work of a Coventry artist, Mrs. Alma Hosking, and is the first architectural design of its kind by a local artist.

## News From Everywhere

### LIVINGSTONE PENNIES

Almost half of £2400 raised to safeguard the foundations of David Livingstone's birthplace at Blantyre, Lanarkshire, was contributed in pennies by Sunday schools and youth organisations.

A ski-hoist, in the form of a two-wheeled tractor, has been used for the first time in England in the Helvellyn range in the Lake District, to pull skiers up 500 feet of the steepest slope of Raise, a 2800-foot fell.

The Pennine Paths Preservation Society has just celebrated its 21st anniversary. It now has 2000 members and meets about 30 times a year.

In January 377 people were killed on the roads of Great Britain and 3347 seriously injured. The total casualties for the month were 14,195—678 more than in January 1951.

### TOO SOON

A speaker arrived at a West Kent meeting recently to find that she was not expected until next year.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are staying at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, from June 25 to 30. Her Majesty will there hold a presentation party and a garden party.

Peter Olsen, a seaman, has plans to sail from Nova Scotia to Norway in a six-foot barrel. He says the building of the craft has been based on an unsinkable lifeboat.

### SEVEN GOOD THINGS

According to a quiz held in France the seven best things in life are: a comfortable life, freedom from fear of war, a happy family life, freedom of speech and opinion, free choice of work, freedom of religion, and the esteem of fellow men.

Nine hundred British conductors have been recruited for Melbourne's tram services.

A bundle of waste-paper will be the admission fee to a children's dog show to be run by Our Dumb Friends' League at Tottenham next month.

Refinery developments planned by four major oil companies in Australia (if carried out without a hitch before 1956) should lead to the processing of nearly seven million tons of crude oil annually, enough to meet Australian needs.

### LOST SUSSEX TOWN

Archaeologists are excavating at Norman's Bay, Sussex, on the site of Northeye, the town destroyed by storms in 1287.

Mr. Ebenezer Blavo, Assistant Organising Commissioner for Gold Coast Scouts, has been awarded a special scholarship by the Gold Coast Government for an eight-month study of British Scouting methods.

A schoolboy who had been throwing stones into the Thames at Marble Hill Park, Twickenham, was treated for a cut leg after being attacked by an infuriated swan.

### BARGAIN

Two houses have been sold for a pound at Stoke Newington, London.

The World Jewish Congress reports that there are now about five million Jews in the United States. In 1900 there were about one million. The number in Europe has declined from 8,900,000 to about 2,700,000. Britain has 400,000 and France 240,000.

Japan's Crown Prince Akihito is to enrol at a co-educational university soon. It will be the first time that an heir to Japan's throne has taken higher education with either commoners or girls as classmates.

### FIRST COFFEE HOUSE

A plaque presented by the Coffee Growers' Association now marks the site in St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, where the first London coffee house was set up in 1652.

Hertfordshire police have converted a trailer caravan into a mobile police station, complete with wireless and field telephones. It will be used for controlling large crowds.

An avenue of 83 trees has been planted in Easington colliery recreation grounds, Co. Durham, as a memorial to the 83 victims of the colliery explosion last May.

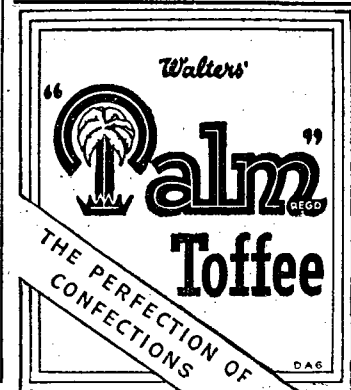
A pigeon flew into a maternity hospital at Philadelphia recently, laid an egg, and then built a nest.



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## THAT WANTED WORD

It is just 100 years since one of the most famous books on the English language was first published. This is Roget's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases, which has gone through at least 80 printings since 1852, and in recent years has achieved greater sales than ever owing to its value in the solution of crossword puzzles. It lists the alternative word.

Its author, Peter Mark Roget, was born in Soho, London, the son of a pastor who had come over from Geneva to minister to the Huguenot Church in Threadneedle Street. Peter went to Edinburgh when he was 14, and graduated in medicine at 19. His interests ranged so widely and he lectured and wrote on so many scientific topics that he proved a popular and efficient Secretary to the Royal Society.

## Tribal Chief



Thomas Marealle, a 36-year-old African who studied social welfare at Cambridge University, reverts to native dress for his installation as Chief of the Chagga tribe, in Tanganyika.

## KEEPING DESERTS AT BAY

An appeal to all nations to help in arresting the gradual encroachment of the Earth's deserts was made recently by Mr. St. Barbe Baker, founder of the Men of the Trees. He was speaking to the diplomatic representatives of 34 countries.

He revealed that he intends to establish, on the edge of the Sahara Desert, a university for the study of the life of trees to which he would invite every nation to send two research students.

## AIR CHAMPION

The Royal Aero Club have devised a plan to determine Britain's air-racing champion each year. They will award a trophy and £100 to the pilot who wins most points in a selected list of races, points being awarded according to the place gained on each flight.

## BIRDS' EGGS GALORE

The Natural History Museum at South Kensington has been given a fine collection of nearly 3000 eggs of South American and West Indian birds. Arranged in 1330 clutches, and one of the best ever made, the collection was presented by Sir Charles Belcher, O.B.E.

## ENGLISH BOY IN HOLLYWOOD FILM

John Hardy, the 12-year-old English boy who takes the part of a convict lad starring with Alan Ladd and James Mason in Paramount's latest picture, Botany Bay, has appeared on the screen only once before, and then in a minor role. He is the son of a British consular official in Los Angeles, who comes from the Kent town of Orpington.

John's ability has impressed the experts, and a big film future is predicted for him. He has also impressed his seniors by his very correct English manners, and by the fact that, unlike many Hollywood youngsters, he rarely speaks unless first spoken to.

## THE MILKY WAY IN DENMARK

A telling blow has been struck by the dairymen's association of Copenhagen against unsightly hoardings and wall advertisements. They have given 20 well-known Danish artists a free hand to decorate 20 gable-end walls in the city.

The only condition attached to the commission is that there shall be unobtrusively written in one corner of the painting the slogan, Milk Gives Health. Copenhagen people await with interest the result of this quest for beauty in wall advertisements.

## HELP

your country, please, by saving every scrap of waste-paper

## ANGLO-SAXON COINS IN POLAND

Anglo-Saxon coins dating back to the beginning of the eleventh century have been discovered at Plock in Poland, and are now in the Archaeological Museum at Lodz. With them were about 600 Polish, German, and Arabic coins.

Ethelred the Second was on the throne in the first decade of the eleventh century. He was the king who in 1012 paid the Danes £48,000 as tribute. Were the coins now to be seen at Lodz part of that very tribute?

## Favourite's favourite



The greyhound selected by Wilfred Pickles to appear with him in a London stage play.



## Jumping to it

A faultless jump by Mr. Bertie Hill, one of the team from which Britain's Olympic equestrians will be chosen in June. The riders are on a training course at Porlock Vale, Somerset.

## WHEN LANCASHIRE HAD A TOUCAN

Books about birds have certainly become more scientific since 1700. A writer on the Natural History of Lancashire of that period included among the birds a toucan—he called it a Brazilian magpie—because one of these big-beaked birds had been found dead on the Lancashire coast.

This old natural history work is among hundreds on view at a delightful exhibition of books about British birds at the London headquarters of the National Book League.

## THIN-SKINNED!

Sausage-skins are to be made of seaweed! After experimenting for two years, a Norwegian firm is now producing an edible sausage-skin—stronger yet nearly 30 times lighter than the kinds at present used.

A factory is being built to manufacture the new sausage-skin at the rate of 22 million yards a month. Norwegian fishermen will be busy this summer collecting seaweed for the factory.

## SOMETHING LIKE A TENT

The world's biggest tent is believed to be the one used in America by the Ringling Brothers' circus. But Australia claims the next biggest, made by a Sydney firm for Wirth's Circus.

This Australian "big top" weighs five tons, measures 328 feet by 120, contains 14,000 yards of rope and 172,000 yards of twine, and can accommodate up to 12,000 people.

## TREES FOR THE SHETLANDS

It is difficult to grow trees on the Shetland Islands, largely because of the strong winds. But a new effort is to be made with seeds sent by Dr. P. S. Jamieson, a Shetlander who is now living in New Zealand.

The seeds are of the Monterey Pine, which Dr. Jamieson considers the most suitable tree for the experiment.

## PUSH-BUTTON VOTING

Automatic vote-recording systems make slow progress in Britain, and Parliament clings proudly to the leisurely system which demands M.P.s' presence in the appropriate lobby.

A modern system, however, has been installed in the council chamber of Birmingham City Council. By it members are able to record their votes on the various issues by pressing a button. The buttons for an Aye or No vote are in front of each member's seat, and the Lord Mayor controls the functioning of the system.

Members may change their mind and press their other button which cancels the previous vote and records the new, right up to the time that the "count" key is depressed by the Lord Mayor. That makes further voting impossible.

The counting is automatic and the result shown in a few seconds. The system, in addition to counting, records each vote, and a chart gives a permanent record of the business in votes of the council.

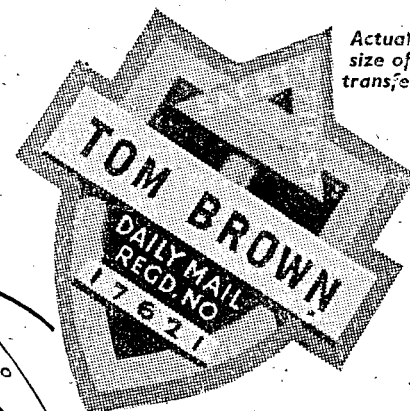
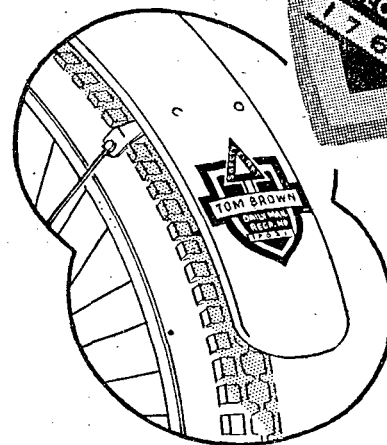
## TALL STORY

If success attends an experiment now being carried out at the Institute of Forest Genetics in Placerville, California, future newspaper shortage may be avoided.

Botanists there are raising a hybrid pine which, it is hoped, will grow three times as high as an ordinary pine in the same period.

## FOR YOU—A CYCLE TRANSFER WITH

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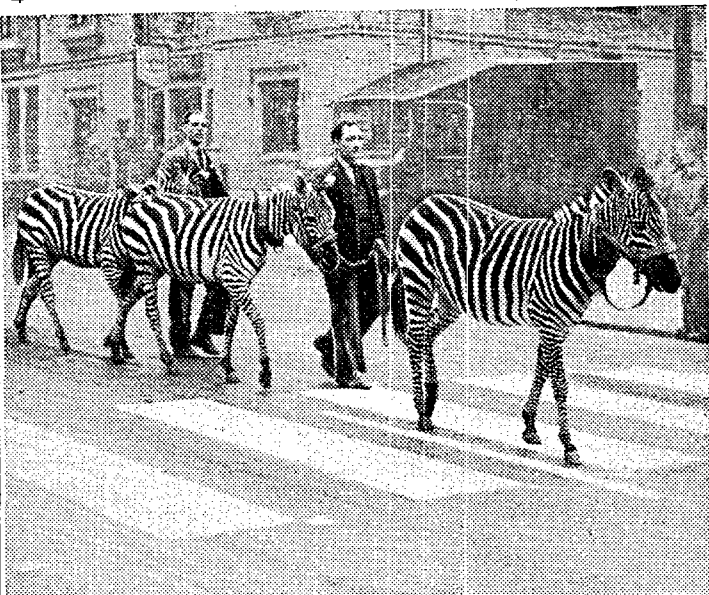
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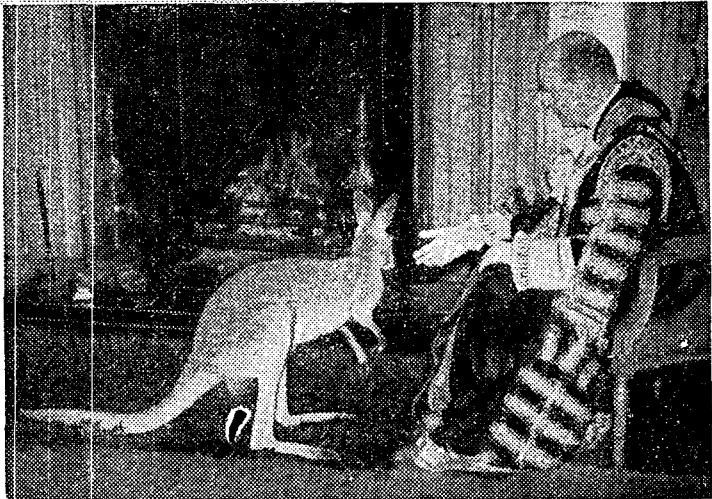




### Fancy seeing them there!

In the picture above, the striped pedestrians are crossing the striped pedestrian-crossing, but not as pedestrians. The zebras are part of the traffic in a Blackpool street, and are on their way to the Tower Circus.

The Lord Mayor of London receives many overseas visitors during his term of office, but probably none of them will be quite as unexpected as the kangaroo which hopped onto the hearthrug at the Mansion House, as seen in the picture on the right. Australian-born Sir Leslie Boyce must have felt quite at home.



## TON OF TORTOISE IN THE WAY

By Craven Hill, CN Correspondent at London Zoo

THE Zoo's eight giant tortoises, which have spent the winter months in a small room attached to the rodent house, have been causing trouble.

Normally, these giants assemble around a large stove, and receive few visitors other than their keeper, who goes in each morning to give them their breakfast of cabbage and other vegetables.

The other morning, however, the man found that he could not open the door and on going round to look through the window saw the explanation. For some reason best known to themselves the tortoises had left the stove and were resting against the door, preventing it from opening.

Although three keepers subsequently did their best to push it open, the door refused to budge—which is not surprising, perhaps, for the combined weight of the giants exceeds a ton!

Although later the tortoises were prevailed upon to leave the door when the keeper threw in their breakfast through the window, they have since blocked entry to the room several times.

The men are considering asking the Works Department to take the door off its hinges and reverse it, so that it opens outwards instead of inwards.

Nor far from these stubborn giants, in the Great Aviary only 20 yards away, a pair of common herons are nesting, for the first time in the Zoo's history.

They are two birds which came to the Gardens in the summer of 1948, one having been caught at Dagenham, the other at Maidenhead.

Last year the herons seemed to want to nest but did not actually do so. This time they are building in earnest with material put into the enclosure by keepers.

The herons have collected all the material and made a large nest with it, on top of a 16-foot-high platform. All now appears to be

ready, and it seems probable that the female will be incubating from three to five eggs by the time you read these notes.

Meanwhile, both herons spend most of their time standing on their new home, strutting proudly around its perimeter, and doing a lot of wing-flapping. Only in the early morning do they leave their nest, to pick from the aviary pool the fish which the keeper throws into it.

THE herons, although wild birds of Britain, will be kept at the Zoo, but another wild bird which arrived recently, an osprey, is to be freed. It was picked up exhausted in a field in Buckinghamshire, but has since been recuperating at Regent's Park.

"Our reason for setting it free is because we have found that these fishing-eagles do not thrive too well in close captivity," Mr. John Yealland, curator of birds, told me.

"When the osprey has grown its new plumage we shall arrange for a keeper to take it up the Thames—probably somewhere near the Staines reservoir—and release it there. The bird will then be much nearer its normal fishing-grounds than it would be if we were to release it from the Zoo Gardens."

## FARMING FROM THE AIR

The technique of spreading fertilisers by plane is to be demonstrated on May 6 at Ivinghoe Beacon, Buckinghamshire.

It is hoped by this method to reclaim five million acres of rough grazing in Britain—grazings on the hill and mountain land which are too steep for tractors.

The use of aircraft has been prohibitive in the past because the big dressings of fertilisers considered necessary meant that the aircraft had to land for a refill every acre or so. By spraying concentrated

liquid fertilisers from the air scientists believe that the rate of application can be reduced to about one fifth.

Five gallons of the liquid is thought to be equal to four cwt. of the powder fertiliser. Furthermore, selective weedkillers can be incorporated in the spray to deal with thistles and rushes at the same time.

Properly improved, the millions of acres of rough grazing in Britain could maintain another 750,000 head of cattle.

## CROSS-COUNTRY BY CANOE

At Easter a number of canoeists will set off from Devizes, in Wiltshire, and paddle down to Westminster in the annual race for two-seater touring canoes.

The race starts at the London Road Bridge, Devizes, then along the Kennet and Avon Canal to Reading, with 57 locks to be portaged. From there down the Thames to Westminster is a further 71 miles with 20 locks.

For most of the canoeists this will mean a non-stop journey of nearly 30 hours. The exceptions will be the junior crews, for so popular has the race become that this year the organisers have introduced a class for canoeists aged 16 to 20. For them, the race will be spread over four days, and three camping points will be organised.

The idea of the race is to "encourage the design and building of canoes that are light in weight, easily transportable over rough ground, and also suitable for coast-wise touring."

Each crew must carry certain specified items of camping and cooking equipment, and a change of clothing. Within these limits the competitors are free to use their initiative and skill in choosing suitable gear.

The race calls not only for skill and endurance, but also for a great deal of planning beforehand. Vital minutes may be lost if canoeists do not know which side to portage round a lock, or where to find the rollers on Thames locks. If they reach Teddington when the tide is coming in it means the loss of hours, not minutes.

Last year the race was won by Troopers D. Dansie and R. Drye, of the 21st Special Air Service Regiment, Territorial Army, in the record time of 24 hours 7 minutes, using a standard Tyne folding canoe. It is unlikely that this time will be repeated, for the Thames was then flowing exceptionally fast, and there were strong westerly winds.

One of the best comparative performances was put up by two under-twenties, C. Gautier and A. Simonds, of the Weston Bay Canoe Club, who obtained tenth place.

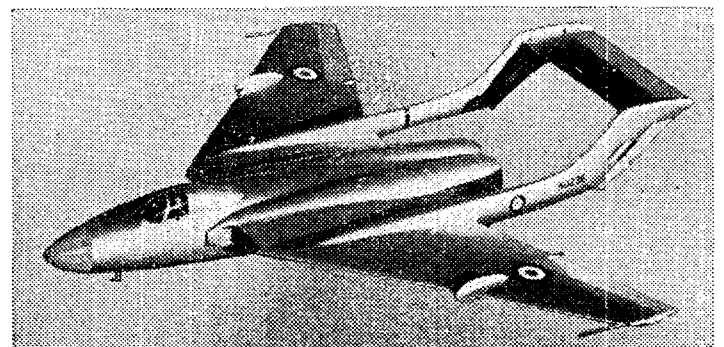
Because of its varied nature the race is increasing in popularity, and the provision of the new class should attract a number of adventurous-minded young canoeists.

## WORLD'S HIGHEST OBSERVATORY

The world's highest laboratory is to be built in the Central Himalayan Mountains of India. It will be made available to scientists from all over the world, and there they will be able to study snow and glaciers, astronomy and solar phenomena, astrophysics and high-level meteorology.

A scientists' colony will be established at 12,000 feet, with library, laboratory, work and residential accommodations; a power house and many other refinements. At 17,000 feet will be an astronomical dome from which the heavens can be studied and photographed under ideal conditions.

## PLANES FOR THE SPOTTER'S NOTEBOOK



12. The D. H. 110

This new De Havilland aircraft combines a very high performance with the latest radar detection gear and automatic navigation aids.

Descended from the renowned Vampire/Venom family, it is one of the first of an important new class of two-seat fighters designed to climb at the amazing rate of 10,000 feet a minute.

Broadly speaking, the D.H. 110 is a Super-Venom, capable of greatly increased speeds and delivering a far heavier "punch"

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# THE MOST VERSATILE GENIUS OF ALL TIME

April 14 marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of one of the greatest men the world has ever known; certainly the most versatile genius of all time. He was Leonardo da Vinci—Leonardo of the little village of Vinci, between Pisa and Florence—a man who spent his life in what has been called "the tragic pursuit of perfection."

THERE is no accounting for Leonardo's genius. On his father's side there had been lawyers for generations; his mother's people were peasants. Yet, quite untaught, he began to paint and model, and his proud father, showing his work to men better versed in art than himself, was assured that he had a genius on his hands.

So Leonardo was apprenticed to the gifted Andrea Verrocchio, and in his studio had the company of Botticelli and Perugino. Very soon he had learned all his master had to teach, and, entrusted with details of an altarpiece, eclipsed Verrocchio himself.

Now Leonardo struck out on his own, and, for inspiration, he went to Nature. He studied botany, anatomy, the play of light and shade, so that his figures stood out as though in life, detached from their surroundings yet perfectly related to them. Michael Angelo and Raphael both owed something of their splendour to studying Leonardo.

His studies from Nature enabled him to draw life as it is, but his mind was full of a thousand other studies. The immense variety of his interests is amply displayed in the current exhibition at Burlington House in London. Nothing was

too trivial for his attention, nothing in physics or philosophy too profound for his inquiry.

Leonardo's investigations of air and of mechanics enabled him to design the first outline of an aeroplane. He planned the tunnelling of mountains, the propping up of toppling hillsides, and the irrigation of waterless plains. He showed how rivers could be linked, and canals made for traffic.

HE had the spirit of one of the old troubadours, and could compose poems and music as he sang to the harmonies of a lute made with his own hands. Princes were delighted with toys he made to move and do tricks at his bidding. And if all this were not enough, he was throughout his life the busiest of writers.

Whenever a subject engaged his mind, he wrote his thoughts down in notebook after notebook. These mines of learning lay unknown or unrealised for three centuries after his death, and not until they were studied did the world know what a marvellous, almost incredible genius he had been—thinker, artist, man of action, scientist.

Leonardo loved travel, too. The greatest artist of his age, he served the Sultan of Cairo as an engineer. He lived in Milan for many years, acting as engineer, architect, sculptor, artist, and director of artistic, scientific, and mechanical works to the usurping tyrant Ludovico Sforza.

IN Milan he invented plays and pageants and masques, as Inigo Jones and Ben Jonson did for our own court. There he planned defences of the city and irrigation of the outlying area; modelled a colossal equestrian statue which seems to have been the wonder of



the time; and painted the greatest religious picture ever known.

The statue, 26 feet high, never got beyond its plaster cast, for, before it could be finished in bronze, an invasion of French soldiers led to its destruction. The painting of the Last Supper remains, a pathetic ghost of its original, on the walls of a monastery in Milan.

Returning to Florence, Leonardo was pitted against Michael Angelo in the most memorable contest in the annals of art. Each was given a wall of the new council chamber to decorate. They chose two scenes from the war between Florence and Pisa, Angelo's showing soldiers caught by the enemy while bathing, Leonardo's a victory in battle won by the Florentines.

NEWS of the rivalry between the two excited all Europe, and each artist exerted all his powers to outdo the other. Leonardo took two years in preparing his drawing of his subject, and when the cartoons were exhibited men realised that nothing comparable with Leonardo's work had been seen since the passing of the great Greeks.

Unfortunately, the methods by which Leonardo sought to paint his subject on the wall proved a failure; such parts of it as were finished peeled off, or their colours ran, and Leonardo turned away in disgust and never touched it again.

So many and exhaustive were his studies that Leonardo left many works incomplete; but among those he did finish was his portrait of Mona Lisa, the wife of



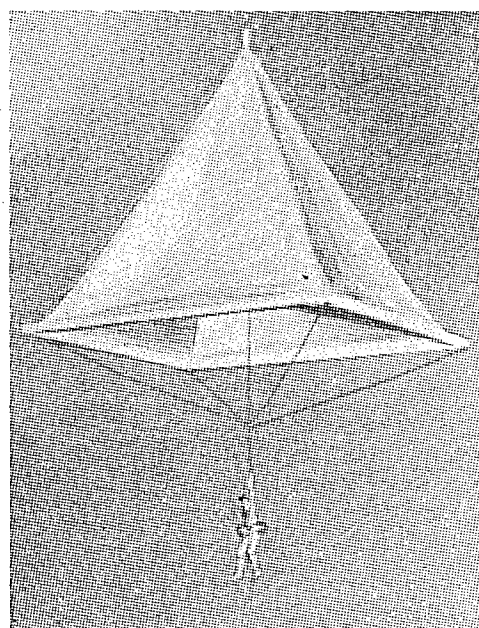
On the left is the head of Christ from Leonardo's great wall-painting of the Last Supper; above, a detail from his picture of the Annunciation; and right, a drawing which is reproduced by gracious permission of H.M. the Queen.

Below is Leonardo's sketch of a warrior in ornate armour



trait of Mona Lisa, the wife of Francesco del Gioconda, a lovely woman with a quiet, mysterious smile lighting up her fine features. Although some of its colours have now darkened, this painting remains the most famous portrait in the world.

SOME years ago a man entered the Louvre, took it down from the wall, and, hiding it under his blouse, stole out of the gallery.



Left: Leonardo demonstrating the model of his flying machine to his wealthy patron, Ludovico Sforza

Right: This model of the parachute which Leonardo invented is in the present exhibition at Burlington House, where a model of his helicopter is also to be seen



with it. For two years artistic Europe was in an uproar over it, and then the treasure came to light in a garret.

The wars which rent Europe involved Leonardo, not as a soldier, but as an artist over whom the storm broke. He moved from Florence back to Milan, and from Milan to Rome. Two paintings, some mechanical toys for the Pope, and engineering work at Civita Vecchia were his contributions to the Eternal City.

France had now possessed herself of Milan, and the brilliant young Francis, meeting Leonardo, aged and venerable as a prophet in appearance, delighted in his talk and works, declaring that his knowledge of the fine arts and of science and philosophy was beyond that of mortal men.

THE artist admired the young king and accepted his offer to make his home in France. There, in the splendid castle of Cloux near Amboise, he spent his last years.

There he prepared a pageant for the marriage of the dauphin, designed a castle for the king, planned a canal to link the River Loire and the Saône, and held court like a prince, receiving the king and his friends and all the artists and men of learning who could visit him. To the elect he would reveal papers containing his writings of more than 40 years on art and science in all their aspects.

Only one of these treasures of learning was published before the 19th century, and that was his work on the art of painting. It was a masterpiece, the first, the foundation, the source to which every writer and teacher on art has gone. At a stroke he created a literature for artists.

SLOWLY the great spirit waned, the mighty energies ebbed, and in May 1519 he died, at peace with the world he had so enriched.

It was left to later ages to discover the stature of Leonardo: to penetrate the secrets of his amazing mind, to realise that he was, as it were, a score of men in one, a man whose titanic projects and profound speculations only a host of men could effect or express. Leonardo da Vinci peered with unshaded eyes into mysteries which took centuries to solve, and advanced learning as no other man had done.

Of his art, the greatest of all his many gifts, the world has only a few examples, but those few incomparable!



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## EASTER HOPE

**CHRIST** the Lord is risen  
today  
Sons of men and angels say:  
Alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs  
high,  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth  
reply Alleluia

For nearly 2000 years songs of triumph and hope have been sung to celebrate the greatest festival of the Christian faith.

The essence of the Easter celebration is the fresh assurance of hope that it brings to mankind. Easter comes in the Spring, and its message, like that of Spring, is that life is triumphing over death.

*The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun.*

Easter is the announcement that goodness prevails, and that even the "last enemy, death," has been defeated. The Christian faith is built round the belief that all this came true in the life of Jesus Christ.

Christians hold fast to this belief, knowing that it is the foundation of all that is noblest and best in life.

*He Who slumbered in the grave  
Is exalted now to save:  
Now through Christendom it rings  
That the Lamb is King of kings.*



## Under the Editor's Table

**PETER PUCK  
WANTS TO  
KNOW**

If firemen have  
heated arguments

Nothing unexpected happened in a new film, said a critic. He did not expect that.

Some detectives are supplied with portable finger-printing apparatus. Handy.

**BILLY BEETLE**



## EDUCATION FIRST

**THE** International Labour Organisation recently surveyed the child-labour laws of 57 countries and found that all but one of the territories visited had fixed 12 years or upwards as the minimum age for employment.

The highest standards were found in Great Britain, the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand; but India received a special word of praise from the I.L.O., for the new Indian Constitution of 1949 contains a special clause which states that "the tender age of children should not be abused."

Their report also praised the steps taken in many countries where family allowances, free meals, and free educational facilities are provided, to make it easier for parents to keep children in school and out of the factory.

## Recipe for tears

**I**n a recent Columbia film, actress Judy Holliday wept real tears instead of using an onion in a handkerchief, or sticking on glycerine drops.

Producer and cameramen were pleased with the acting, but disturbed for Judy's sake.

"Is anything the matter—no bad news I hope?" asked one of them.

"Nothing at all," replied Judy, wiping her eyes.

"Then how on earth did you manage to cry like that?"

"It was easy," she said. "I just thought about cream buns, and buttered mashed potatoes, and how hungry I was. You see, I'm on a diet!"

## JUST AN IDEA

As George Herbert wrote:  
Dare to be true. Nothing can  
need a lie;  
A fault that needs it most grows  
two thereby.

Some people make a habit of having an egg for breakfast on Sunday. But they have to break it.

Some people look odd in a hat. Better underneath one.

A town clock, says a councillor, should always be on a hill. And should not be allowed to run down.

A hamlet in Scotland cannot have TV because there is no electricity. Not in touch with current affairs.

# The Editor's Table

## Men's dress reform

**THE** drab appearance of men's clothes was criticised recently by Mr. Eccles, Minister of Works. "It is tiffie," he said, "we broke out from the very sombre colours which for a hundred years or so have been the fashion. It is high time we returned to something more gay—and something more Elizabethan."

We heartily agree with him. These are times that call for a cheerful optimism, and the first step towards being cheerful is to look it. Let us all be like Joseph in his coat of many colours.

## Uncle Sam up-to-date

**T**o mark the hundredth anniversary of the creation of Uncle Sam, a competition was promoted by an American newspaper to find a more modern representation of the national figure.

We give here the drawing which was awarded the first



prize. The 20th-century Uncle Sam appears as a typical American businessman, but with a suit that is starred and striped.

## Schools without masters

**WHAT** will school be like 100 years hence?

The boys of St. Paul's School, London, recently wrote essays on the subject, and here in brief is a summary of their conclusions, related by the High Master, Dr. R. L. James.

Schoolmasters will not be needed in 2052, for the boys will sit round the classrooms in comfortable armchairs while lessons are conducted by a stooge whose only job will be twiddling the right knobs on a panel at the right time!

## SHINING TRUTH

But truth, on which depends our main concern,  
That tis our shame and misery not to learn,  
Shines by the side of every path we tread  
With such a lustre, he that runs may read. *William Cowper.*

## FOR USE, NOT SHOW

Wear your learning, like your watch, in a private pocket: and do not merely pull it out and strike it, merely to show that you have one *Lord Chesterfield*

## CANDLELIGHT AUCTION

**A** QUIANT auction for the letting of a watercress field called Stowell's Meadow takes place this Saturday in Ye Olde Poppe Inn, in the Somerset village of Tatworth.

The lighting of an inch-long candle opens the auction, and the farmer who makes the highest bid before the candle goes out becomes tenant of the field for the following year. The length of time the candle burns is generally about 30 minutes.

While the Stowell Court, as the ceremony is known, is taking place, none of the members must leave his seat, nobody must speak; and if anyone breaks the rules a fine is imposed, the money being spent on a supper.

The records of the Court go back for just over 100 years, but it is believed that the custom has been observed for more than twice as long.

## Lost delight

**THE** Lost Property offices of airline companies are kept just as busy as those of London Transport and British Railways.

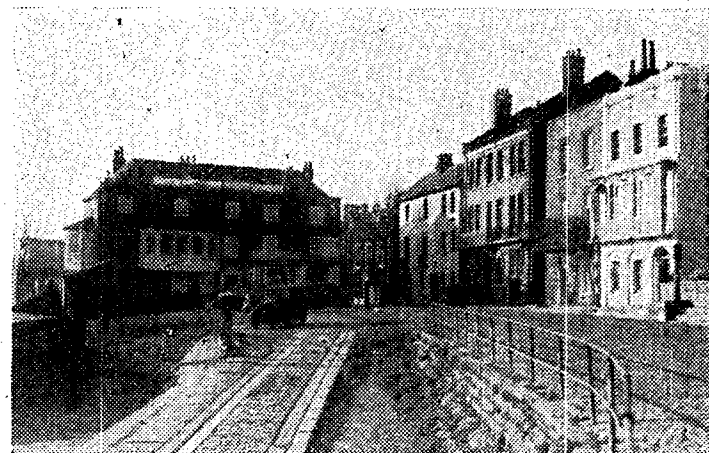
The usual assortment of hats, coats, and umbrellas lines the shelves; and there are also various kinds of food, left behind by passengers who must have also lost their appetites. For instance, a Nairobi passenger left behind a case containing five dressed chickens.

A piece of absent-mindedness even more astonishing was that of a Persian who overlooked a big suitcase filled with Turkish Delight. Had that case been ours we should never have let it go out of sight!

## Thirty Years Ago

**THE** advance guard of the party that is to try to get to the top of Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world, is now on its way from Darjeeling, in Northern India, to the Upper Himalayas. It will make a base camp, and from that the six climbers, all mountaineers of great experience, will set out in June. Last year they got up to a height of 23,000 feet, and then had to turn back, still 6000 feet from the top.

*From the Children's Newspaper,  
April 15, 1922*



**OUR HOMELAND**

The 500-year-old inn and Regency houses at old Isleworth, Middlesex

## THINGS SAID

**THE** divine commandment of purity in soul and body is as valid as ever for the youth of today. Even modern youth is morally bound and is able, with the help of grace, to keep itself pure. *The Pope*

**THE** postbags of Lord Chancellors are full of letters from people who are quite convinced that they are suffering some gross injustice, and that it only requires the English law to be properly administered for them to be delivered out of their misery. *Viscount Simon*

**SELF-EXPRESSION**, within limits, is admirable. But it may concentrate children's attention so much on themselves that when they go into the outside world they cannot fit in. *Mr. J. F. Wolfenden, Vice-Chancellor of Reading University*

**HAD** I been told at 17 not to attend something I would probably have gone. *Bishop of Sheffield*

**WE** have, as a nation, a reputation throughout the world of humane thought and action, and hatred of cruelty and oppression. We ought not to tolerate any lowering of that standard merely because it is not easy to devise deterrents to cruelty to children. *Earl Winterton*

## IN THE COUNTRY

**EVERYWHERE** in the dew-wet grass April's gold is lavishly scattered. Daffodils beneath orchard trees, "fluttering and dancing in the breeze"; dandelions fringing the wayside; celandines on the shady banks of the dingle; Shakespeare's "freckled cowslips" in the green meadows.

What an enchanting vision of Springtime at its best do these many blossoms of April bring to the fields, the lanes, the woods, the dingles! No month provides such a wealth of exquisite and freshly-bright colouring.

*Tis the Spring's largesse, which she scatters now  
To rich and poor alike with lavish hand;  
Though most hearts never understand  
To take it at God's value, but pass by  
The offered wealth with unrewarded eye.*

Pass not the flowers without gratitude to the Creator for His April gifts to Man.



# **PLOUGHBOY WHO BUILT A TEMPLE OF TRADE**

A century ago on April 13 a boy was born on a small farm in the State of New York. As the lad grew up he had to help with all the hard work on the land. But as he ploughed the fields he was thinking of busy city streets, and of the fortune that could be made there.

Now his story is one of the great romances of business, for he grew rich beyond his dreams and made his name a household word. He was Frank Winfield Woolworth.

As quite small boys, Frank and his brother had to work long hours on their father's small farm.

"The struggle to make ends meet was never absent," Woolworth recalled years later. Even Sunday was only partly a day of rest. The boys each had one pair of boots a year, which were never discarded until they were falling to pieces.

Woolworth was nearly 21 before he managed to get a job away from the farm. He became a shop assistant to gain experience, having to work the first three months without wages and maintain himself out of his meagre savings.

## DAWN TILL MIDNIGHT

In those days practically the only time he got to himself was time to sleep. His duties began soon after dawn with dusting and sweeping out the store, and, having served behind the counter for a full day, midnight would sometimes find him putting the finishing touches to the window-dressing.

At last, when he was 27, he decided that he would put his fortunes to the test by starting in business on his own. With the small capital he had so laboriously scraped together he opened a little shop in the city of Utica.

The fate of that first Woolworth store seems incredible now. In less than four months it failed and had to close down!

But Frank Woolworth had confidence in himself, and was not to be daunted by one set-back. Ten days later he used his few remaining dollars, and odds and ends of stock to open a second shop.

Profiting from his first mistake, he chose his location most carefully. On the first day a third of the stock was sold, and Woolworth immediately began to plan expansion.

## AFTER SEVEN YEARS

At the end of seven hard, plodding years he owned seven stores, and his march to fame and fortune had really begun. The touchstone of his success was to develop the idea of cheap bazaars displaying attractively a profusion of small articles at the fixed prices of five and ten cents. His margin of profit was small, and he relied on selling large quantities.

Throughout his life he never "took it easy." He worked harder and longer than any of his helpers.

Even when he had risen to affluence and had many colleagues to bear the brunt of the work, he still undertook the lion's share of the responsibility. Two instances of this stand out strikingly.

The first was his proposal to open stores in Britain. Every one of his fellow directors disapproved. When he called for volunteers to

assist him in opening his "nothing-over 6d." shops in this country, none of the veteran executives responded. Woolworth had to sail for England himself with only three of the younger executives who had answered his call.

The other venture in which Woolworth found himself unsupported was the building of his famous skyscraper in New York's Broadway. It cost 13½ million dollars, and Woolworth paid every dollar of it himself—in cash!

This great building which bears his name was the fulfilment of his grandest dream. He resolved to set up the highest tower that America had ever seen.

It should top the heights even of lofty New York, and catch the first gleam of sunlight that fell on the city at the dawn of every day. He made it a veritable Cathedral of Commerce, adorned with a wealth of ornament in the English Gothic style.

## PALATIAL GRANDEUR

Nothing was too lavish for the ploughboy's tower, with its traceried pinnacles rising to a crown nearly 800 feet above the street. The splendid doorways and corridors and staircases were all part of the palatial grandeur amid which Woolworth set his office, and from his window he could look out on a world that had been kind to him.

But tragic irony closed the story of such dazzling success, for owing to his lifelong refusal to have dental treatment, Woolworth died before he might have done. His decaying teeth set up septic poisoning and a throat infection, from which he died on April 8, 1919.

## ELIZABETHAN FRESCOS FOUND

During alterations to Hill Hall, four miles from Epping, Essex, workmen have discovered frescoes depicting scenes from mythology. They were painted about 1580, but one of a spirited Cupid and Psyche is still almost perfect.

## Eastern music



This Indian girl, a member of a dancing company which has come to Europe, is playing a huge stringed instrument known as a seter.

# **Making airports safer**

An ingenious device for training airport staff was recently demonstrated at Montreal, the headquarters of the United Nations International Civil Aviation Organisation.

This apparatus reproduces all the equipment used at the modern airport, and enables 36 students to be trained at the same time.

All the students are linked by telephone to the instructor, who can introduce emergency problems to test his pupils' presence of mind or stop the proceedings in order to explain a point. A tape recorder enables students to listen to their own orders afterwards, and in this way learn from any errors they have made.

As the trainer weighs only 800 pounds it can be easily transported to countries where it is specially needed. The first is already on its way to Indonesia, and others are to accompany I.C.A.O. missions to El Salvador, Ethiopia, Iceland, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, and Thailand.

Science in the service of the United Nations will thus make air journeys safer for the world's travellers.

## FOR LEFT-HANDED PEOPLE

Are left-handed people really as left-handed as they seem to be? A recent survey of 70 left-handed and 35 right-handed people described in the British Medical Journal seems to suggest they are not.

Previously the usual estimate has been that one person in 20 is a genuine left-hander, but this average is probably far too high; this survey shows that many people who regard themselves as left-handed are more likely to be ambidextrous, though themselves not aware of it.

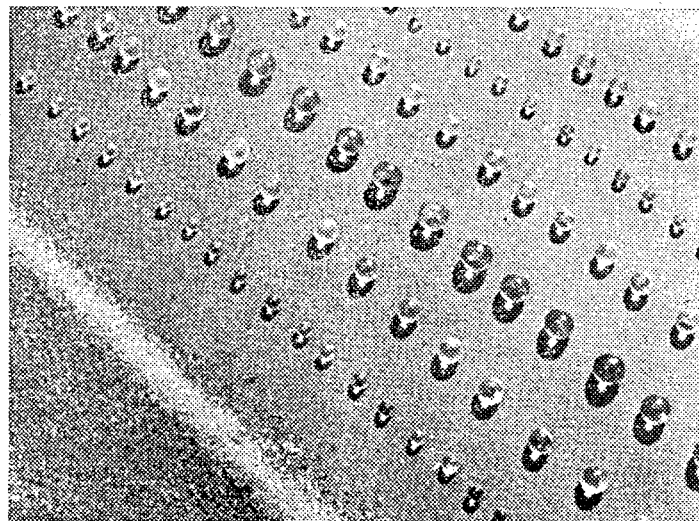
Usually it is the brain development that decides whether a person will be right- or left-handed. Each half of the body is controlled by the opposite half of the brain and research has shown that the left side of the brain is bigger with the right-handed person, and vice-versa.

## BLIND EAGLE FLIES AGAIN

The man known in Burma as Blind Eagle—Father Willie Jackson—has been dead for 18 years, and his famous home for blind boys at Kemmendine was heavily damaged during the war. But recently the home has been opened again, and so the Burmese are saying that Blind Eagle is on the wing once more.

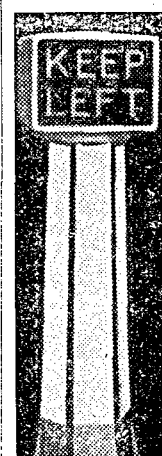
Willie Jackson, blind from the age of two, went to Burma from Oxford in 1917 and learned Burmese on the voyage out. Barefooted and dressed in the saffron robe of a student, he devoted himself to blind boys, and made a home and school for 80 of them. He taught them to weave, make

# **GLASS MARBLES ARE NOT JUST PLAYTHINGS**



GLASS marbles, smooth, round, and glittering, were once regarded as merely playthings for boys; now they have a hundred different uses.

They are made in 26 different diameters, from a size larger than cricket balls to tiny beads of less than a tenth of a millimeter, like "hundreds and thousands." The smallest sizes are called Ballotini. Doctors, weather experts, scientists, motorists, cinemas, advertisers, women, and children use them. They save lives, help science, and give better entertainment.



One special quality about glass beads is that each one is a magnifying glass. Another is that when a light is shone upon them, the beads reflect the light only directly back to the source of the light.

Because of this reflecting quality small glass marbles are used to help safety on the roads. The road sign pictured here has the white pillar and the line round the lettering coated with tiny glass spheres. When a car's headlights shine on the sign, the beads reflect the light directly back to the motorist and attract his immediate attention.

The beads are similarly used on advertisement signs.

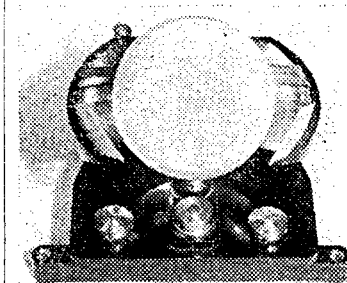
"Cats'-eyes" set in the white centre line of the road are glass marbles set in rubber cushions. In America experiments are being made with Ballotini stuck all along the white line.

These tiny glass beads are tremendously tough—much stronger than flat glass. They will stand up to heavy traffic and even to stone-throwing.

Ballotini are used in the storing of blood. The blood of a donor is caused to flow over glass beads. A certain part of the blood which would make it harden then collects on the surface of the beads, and the remaining portion is bottled and stored.

The reflecting power of Ballotini gives greater brilliance to films in the cinema if the screen is coated with glass beads. Coloured Ballotini are also used for decorating the walls and ceilings of places of entertainment. They have been used for years for Christmas decorations, and, of course, for inexpensive jewellery.

The very large glass "cricket-balls" are employed in measuring sunshine. Placed in front of a paper chart marked out in hours and minutes, they so concentrate



the sunshine that the light burns a path along the chart.

Glass marbles are used to spin and weave glass into cloth. A thread from one glass marble is over a mile long.

One great advantage of glass cloth is that it will not burn, but, like a tea-cosy, it keeps heat in. Glass mattresses or jackets are wrapped round boilers to save fuel.

Glass "batwool" made from marbles is stuffed into floors and ceilings for sound-proofing, and as a protection against fire. It is one of the few things rats and mice will not eat!



## CANOEING ON LAKE NYASA

The following glimpse of a great occasion in Nyasaland comes to us from a reader attached to the Church of Scotland Mission at Livingstonia.

Some missionaries had come down from their station in the hills near the north-western shore of Lake Nyasa. They had been invited to the opening of a new medical branch at Mlowe, some distance down the lake.

A motor boat was to have been sent for them, but its engine had broken down, and when the missionaries arrived at the lake they found a big canoe riding at anchor with the Union Jack flying. It was 32 feet long, hollowed out of a single tree trunk by African craftsmen.

Rolls of bedding, cooking pots, food boxes, suitcases, even a cinema projector—all these were packed in, and there was still room for the dozen or more passengers.

During their stay at Mlowe the visitors were greatly interested in a canoe race—especially as "their" canoe was competing. Each craft was manned by a picked crew, and together they made a beautiful picture as they set out across the lake in the late afternoon sun, their paddles rising and falling in perfect unison.

Excitement ran high when the bugle sounded announcing their return, the winning canoe and the runner-up receiving deafening applause from the crowds ashore.

### S.A.S.

The letters H.M. are being omitted from the naval cap ribbons of South African sailors. Letters preceding ships names will in future be S.A.S., meaning South African Ship, a correct rendering for both English and Afrikaans.

When the subject came before the South African Parliament it was stated that H.M.S.A.S. was correct, only in English, and that it was impracticable to have two sets of letters on each ribbon.

## Steps to Sporting Fame

## George Swindin



George Swindin is the son of a goal-keeper, and decided to become one himself as a very small boy, when his Christmas presents included a football.



He and his young playmates at Rotherham used sticks for goalposts, and it was between these that George first took his stand. He played for his school, town, and county teams, and also in an international trial.



His real start in League football came with Bradford City, who signed him on the same day as a young full back named Laurie Scott. In 1936 George went to Arsenal and, some time later, Laurie joined him there.



The pair helped Arsenal to win the League Championship in 1947-48, and the F.A. Cup in 1950. Laurie Scott is now manager of Crystal Palace F.C., but George is still "between the sticks" at Highbury.

## EASTER EGGS EXTRAORDINARY

The custom of giving eggs to friends in the spring dates from a very early period—many centuries, indeed, before Christ. It was followed by the ancient Egyptians, Jews, and other Eastern nations. In the early days of the Church the practice of giving eggs was adopted as the symbol of the Resurrection.

But it is a far cry from the simple dyed egg of the early Christian era to the elaborate and costly eggs which used to be everywhere displayed at this season.

In the days before two World Wars brought austerity Easter eggs had a very great vogue to most people. Large, small, of varying material and designs—from the monster egg full of fascinating toys to delight the heart of any child, to the smaller egg with a jewel for the grown-up.

Many eggs had shells composed of gold, enamel, ivory, and glass, and contained "yolks" of jewellery worth thousands of pounds.

Numerous eggs of this kind were ordered for wealthy purchasers at home and abroad, and gifts of all descriptions were inserted: dainty watches hidden in enamel, or

jewelled cases hardly more than an inch square, gold cigarette cases, brooches, and similar luxuries.

Some eggs were of dolls-house size, and contained suites of miniature furniture; others represented musical boxes with a handle on the outside, so that the youngster could demolish his chocolate to the accompaniment of a popular tune.

On view at Windsor Castle is a nest of frosted silver work sent one Easter to Queen Victoria by the Russian Emperor Alexander II. In the nest are three large pearls. An even more costly Easter egg was presented by Napoleon III to the Empress Eugénie. On the golden shell her name was inset in

diamonds; inside was a pearl necklace valued at £20,000!

An Easter egg at Madrid Museum has a romantic history. Fashioned in iron, it disappointed the recipient, a princess who had expected a more worthy Easter gift from her royal suitor.

In her anger she threw the paltry present on the floor, where it sprung open, revealing a second shell of silver enclosing a golden "yolk", which concealed a crown of rubies encircling a diamond ring, the pledge of her lover's affection.

Probably the most extraordinary Easter egg, however, was manufactured by a well-known London firm about 50 years ago to the order of a South African millionaire. Nine feet high and 18 feet round, it was composed entirely of chocolate, and took seven men to carry it to its packing-box. When this monster egg was shipped to South Africa it contained a bride's costly trousseau, a multitude of wedding gifts, and half a ton of the choicest confectionery.

Such luxury is frowned upon today, but the Easter custom with its gift symbolising a new life is never likely to pass away.

### DRY-FOOT TO HOLY ISLAND

Walking to Holy Island from the Northumberland mainland has always been a little awkward because of the River Lough.

It is to be made easier by a 150-foot causeway which will span the most tricky part. It will have a two-foot clearance at low tide, but at high tide will be submerged.

## THIRTY YEARS YOUNG

Eighty thousand young people under 25 in 1000 local clubs—that is the proud record of the Welsh League of Youth (Urdd Gobaith Cymru) which is celebrating its 30th birthday.

The Urdd was the dream of one man, Sir Ifan ab Owen Edwards, and soon after the First World War its message of peace and good will went flashing through the Welsh valleys and villages.

Urdd members make their own club premises out of old houses, barns, and stables, and every member is pledged to do some active work and to use the Welsh language. The Urdd has its own Eisteddfod, but it gives no prizes.

At Borth in Central Wales the Urdd has converted the Grand Hotel into a training centre, and on the shores of Cardigan Bay at Llangrannog it has its permanent camp. During the coming summer Urdd members will go off on visits to other countries, fulfilling their great aim of strengthening bonds of friendship between the youth of the nations.

### CHINESE GOD FOUND IN OKLAHOMA

If an ancient wooden statuette found deep in the clay of a central Oklahoma hillside could speak, scientists might have another clue to how the American Continent was first inhabited.

Eight inches long, the carving represents a god worshipped in China during the dynasty that ruled some 25 years before the birth of Christ. It was found during the digging of a well on a farm at Guthrie, and the first to identify the figure were two Chinese women students at the nearby Benedictine Heights College.

They identified the figure as Shou Sing Lao, an ancient deity still sometimes used in Chinese embroidery to represent happiness and prosperity.

The statue apparently has been scorched by fire at some time.

## THE FOUR FEATHERS—PICTURE-VERSION OF A. E. W. MASON'S STORY (final instalment)



Harry returned to England and went to Ethne's village in Ireland. She was expecting him, for Trench had already told her of their escape from Omdurman. She was alone in the church when Harry arrived, but hearing the joyful barking of her dog, which recognised her former lover, she came out. She asked him to give back the fourth feather, the one she had added to the three sent by his brother officers.



Together they entered the deserted church and sat together for a while. Ethne loved him dearly, but she was engaged to blind Durrance. Heartbrokenly she explained that she could not break her word to Durrance. She was all he had left in the world. "The straight and simple thing is the only thing for us to do," she said. She and Harry must never see each other again. They said good-bye and Harry sadly departed.



Later Durrance came to see Ethne. Since his blindness, his other senses had become very acute. He knew that Ethne only intended to marry him out of pity, and that she really loved Harry, but had sent him away for ever. He told her all this and finished gently: "I remain your friend, which I would rather be than your unloved husband." Then he left her and sent a messenger to bring Harry back.



Harry was soon at Ethne's side, never to be parted from her again. He had won back his honour; she, through the self-sacrifice of a noble-hearted blind man, had regained the man she loved. Durrance returned to the East which had always fascinated him. There, although he could see nothing, he could hear the sounds and feel the atmosphere which recalled to him the grand days of his great adventures.

A picture-version of Captain Cook's first voyage to the Pacific begins on this page next week



# MONDAY *Thrilling new serial by a famous author*

## ADVENTURE

### I. Mysterious backwater

"MONDAY," said Uncle George, with a terrible smile, "is washing day . . ."

Fred and I are not, of course, against washing, but neither of us cared for the terrible smile.

"Don't all cheer at once," said Uncle George.

"There's nothing to cheer about washing," Fred began.

"And we had our early-morning swim," I reminded Uncle George, "so we're not really dirty."

"I wasn't thinking of you. I was just thinking that, as there aren't any washerwomen aboard the Bounty, Monday's the day for the crew to turn to and wash. There are tea-cloths, shirts, and a lot of odds and ends in the bottom locker in the forward cabin."

"But, Uncle George . . ."

"Washing isn't really in our line."

Standing in the aft cockpit, Uncle George glared at us. "Is this mutiny? You've learnt the difference between port and star-board. I've taught you steering, knots, cooking, and washing-up. Now, what's wrong with doing the Monday washing?"

We had been cruising up-river with Uncle George aboard the Bounty for nearly a week. So long as we did nothing to upset his fishing plans, we had found him an easy skipper. After he had "broken us in," as he called it, he even said that Fred and I were a useful crew.

We had spent most of the Sunday chugging upstream, but at Runnymede Uncle George had insisted upon our tying up while he explained exactly what had happened between the Barons and King John and what Magna Carta had been all about.

Having spent the night a mile or so upstream from Runnymede, we had started early on that Monday morning with the idea of reaching Braystoke in good time. The vicar of Braystoke was an old fishing friend of Uncle George's, and Monday, as Uncle George explained, was "always a parson's slack day." So we were to find a mooring in one of the quiet reaches above Braystoke where we could get on with the washing while Uncle George, as he put it, would be "out of the way."

"And don't forget that lucky red handkerchief of mine that was used to carry the bait in," he warned us. "I want to take it out with me tomorrow, when I expect the vicar and I will fish that mill-stream of his."

WE soon found a good mooring.

The red handkerchief was the first thing we hung out to dry on the clothes line we rigged up in the bows. We had soon finished all the washing, and with most of the day still before us, we decided to take the dinghy and look around.

By running the engine forward, slackening off the mooring lines, and using the anchor, we managed



Captain and crew of the Bounty

to make fast the Bounty clear of the tall rushes near the bank.

We had tied up in a lonely spot. The towpath was on the other side, and both banks were well wooded.

On our way upstream we had noticed several mansions on the mainstream and among the backwaters. The one which had taken our fancy was Blackmead Abbey. It stood on its own in a backwater, and we only caught sight of its chimneys. Its grounds were overgrown. There were notices dotted about on the island in front of it and at the entrance to a backwater: **FILM STUDIOS. KEEP OUT.**

"Disgraceful thing!" Uncle George had exclaimed. "Using

by

**John  
Pudney**

Blackmead Abbey as a film studio. I wonder what the ghosts think?"

"What sort of ghosts, Uncle George?"

"Half the monarchy from King John onwards," Uncle George said, laughing.

THIS talk about ghosts, the fact that Fred and I had always wanted to see a film studio, and those "Keep Out" notices combined to put Blackmead Abbey at the top of our list of places worth exploring.

In the end, though, it was not just curiosity that took us toward the Blackmead Abbey backwater. It was Uncle George's red handkerchief.

As it was so precious, I had fastened it to the line with two wooden clothes pegs. But the line itself had given way, and the one bit of our washing which we dared not lose must have gone over the side.

"It must have been jerked overboard when we started the engine just now," said Fred gloomily.

"The only thing we can do is to take the dinghy downstream and hope that we can pick it up."

We were moored at the upper end of a straight reach. We set out in the dinghy, Fred taking the oars, and stared hard at the water in the hope of spotting the handkerchief. There was still no sign of it when we arrived at the first of the Blackmead Abbey notices, at the end of the reach where the river divided. Fred pulled on the oar and turned the dinghy to face the current and said: "What now?"

"Your guess is as good as mine," I said. "If it hasn't sunk, it's either gone on down the mainstream or along this backwater."

Fred nodded. "Look at that bottle we overtook just now," he said. "That's going down the backwater."

THAT settled it. Whether we found the handkerchief or not, this was a perfect opportunity to enter the forbidden backwater.

We could not see very far ahead. Trees arched over the water so that they almost met and made a leafy roof. There was a green jungle of undergrowth on both the high banks. The backwater itself curved away to the left, evidently toward Blackmead Abbey buildings. It was very gloomy—and a bit creepy.

We had not gone very far when Fred suddenly shipped his oars and let out an exclamation.

"Am I dreaming, or do you see what I see?" he gasped. He was looking straight back upstream over my shoulder.

I glanced back quickly—and gasped. There was a big sluice gate completely blocking the stream.

"You're not dreaming, Fred—and we certainly didn't row through that!"

"Then it must have come from somewhere since we passed . . ."

We had gone down the backwater so cautiously that we might have been going nearly ten minutes; but we turned round and rowed back in two or three minutes.

"Easy!" I shouted to Fred. "Back your oars. We don't want to ram the thing."

In another moment we had turned alongside. The spiked top strand of the iron grille was well out of reach even when we stood up in the dinghy. It was greenish, slimy, and still dripping, but it did not look old. Drops fell from it onto us. It must have been raised from below the surface of the backwater!

We soon found that both ends were buried in concrete in the steep banks, where the upper part of the grille was connected to a spiked iron fence. Even if we climbed the bank, the fence was still high and dangerous to climb, and there was no way of getting the dinghy over it.

"Do you think somebody saw us come in here and raised this thing behind us?" Fred said at last.

"They might want to keep people out, but I don't see why they should want to keep anybody in. And, in this twilight, I should think they'd have a job to see anything."

"Let's hope they haven't got

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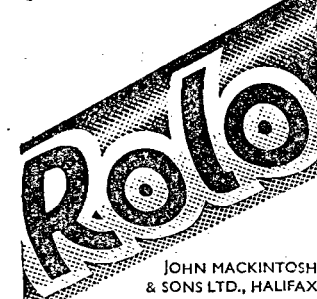
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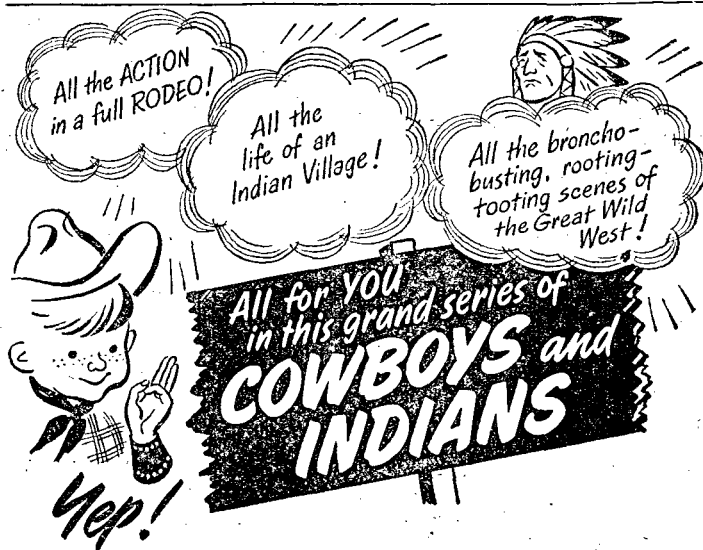
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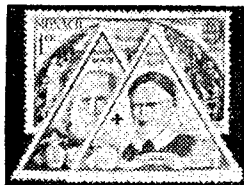
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Two little diaries of absorbing interest have just been presented to Columbia University, in the United States. They are George Washington's personal records for the years 1795 and 1798, yellow with age, but with the President's firm handwriting still legible.

So valuable are these diaries that they are to be stored in a vault as soon as microfilm records have been made for scholars and for general public display.

No startling political revelations or unknown facts about contemporary history are recorded on their pages; but there are some delightful revelations of the private life of the first American President.

Little indeed is known about the intimate story of this great historical figure. Consequently, deep public interest is immediately attracted by the discovery of any memento of him or of his family.

Such finds are, of course, extremely rare; and perhaps this is not so surprising, for Washington was an exceptionally shy man outside his family circle.

But these diaries and other recently-discovered items now show, as The New York Times has commented, that he was an "affable, chatty, agreeable companion; a man who loved children and generously supported his stepchildren; who liked horseraces, the theatre, the fox-hunt; who paid admission fees to see animals from far lands—lions, tigers, and camels; who used snuff, and smoked a pipe at one period."

The two little diaries are filled with everyday, matter-of-fact jottings by the President—comments on the weather, callers, farming, birthdays. On April 18, 1798, for instance, is the entry: "Severe frost. Peaches not killed and hope other fruit not hurt. Began to plant corn." Three months later comes the item: "Breakfast in Baltimore. Dined and lodged at Spurrier's, where my sick horse died."

The diaries contain, in fact, sidelights on all the homely, personal things which interest the average man, be he president or peasant.

**LIGHTS O' LONDON**

London's famous Tower Bridge is to have traffic lights as an additional warning of its opening and closing.

An amber light will signal the opening of the bascules, and a red light will close the bridge to all traffic. But handbells used since 1894 will still ring as an extra warning to pedestrians, and a rope will still be pulled across the roadway.

**THEY EAT EARTH**

M. Alain Gheerbrant, a French explorer, spent two years in the Orinoco jungle filming the Piaroa and Guaharibo natives, a primitive people who eat caterpillars and even earth.

Now he is planning a second expedition to this remote part of Southern Venezuela, for during his homeward trip his launch capsized and he lost his valuable films.

**WINDOW-CLEANING UNDER WATER**

Divers have many queer jobs, and one of the latest is the cleaning of glass panels in the bottom of a ship. These windows have been fitted into the bottom of H.M.S. Helmsdale to enable scientists to observe the effects of water flowing past the propellers.

A member of the Royal Naval Scientific Service crouched in a little compartment over one of the propellers of the Helmsdale, and through the windows below him watched and took photographs of the propeller by artificial light while the ship was in motion. When the Helmsdale returned to port the window-cleaning divers went down.

The scientists' observations will be of value in designing propellers. But the fitting of windows in a ship's bottom will also permit closer study of the effects of moving water on other submerged parts, such as bilge keels and struts.

**Monday Adventure, by John Pudney**

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another thing like this the other end," Fred said. "But first we'd better find out if there is another end."

"The current's flowing through..." I began.

"It may, split up into a whole lot of small-channels."

We changed places. I took the oars and turned the boat again. Looking back at the grille, as I rowed cautiously deeper into the shadows, I could not get over the feeling that we were making our way into some sort of trap. When I began to lose sight of the sluice gate, I knew that we were rounding the curve of the backwater and had already gone farther than we had travelled the first time. The quiet twilight of the place was nibbling at our nerves.

SUDDENLY Fred said: "Easy oars! There's a big boat-house over there, and I don't like

the look of the water directly ahead."

I lifted my oars and glanced over my shoulder. I saw a big boathouse built out over the water, with a space beneath for boats and steps at the side. But what puzzled me was the water immediately ahead of us. The current in that backwater had been sluggish; but here, even as we looked, the surface of the water began to churn and bubble, not violently, but as if there were a great shoal of fish trying to break surface.

Our dinghy still sped forward, as this turbulence grew, until it reached from side to side of the backwater, sending out little waves onto the steps by the boathouse. I was so astonished that I did nothing until Fred gasped.

"Back paddle, for heaven's sake!"

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A TEAM from Germany will be competing in the London Athletic Club's Schools' Challenge Cup at White City, London, on April 18 and 19. It is from the King Alfred School at Ploen, near Kiel, and is made up of sons of British Servicemen stationed in Germany. German schoolboys from the Slalem School at Baden may also compete; a team from this school twice won the challenge trophy before the war.

MAKING a name for himself in table tennis is 17-year-old Colin Campbell of Dagenham, whose powerful hitting has gained him many victories over senior players. Colin learned to play the game when his family were in America four years ago.

THE world's women long-jumpers will find keen opposition at Helsinki from 22-year-old Yvette Williams, of New Zealand, who has recently been in wonderful form. First she set up a new New



Zealand record of 19 feet 10 1/2 inches; then she jumped 20 feet 7 1/2 inches, which is better than Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen's world record, but will not be recognised owing to a slight following wind. A week or two later she set up a new New Zealand record with a leap of 20 feet 2 inches.

STAN CHARLTON, the Bromley full-back, who has played for England's amateur soccer team this season, is following in father's foot-steps. Stan Charlton, senior, was an Exeter City full-back for some years, and toured Australia with an England team in 1925.

SHIRLEY STRICKLAND, Australia's number two sprinter, recently had a most frustrating weekend. On the Saturday she clipped three seconds off the Australian 220-yards record—only to have her time disallowed because of wind assistance. On the Sunday she equalled the world record for the 100 metres, and broke the Australian 80-metres hurdles record—and again had both times disallowed for the same reason.

### TEN TUSKS

A traveller who saw an elephant with ten tusks would think he had been affected by the sun. But such must have been the experience of someone in Tanganyika, for of two pieces of ivory brought to Dar es Salaam recently one consisted of six small tusks, and the other of four. Both are believed to have come from the same elephant.

AMONG the 17 Indian players who will tour Britain this summer are three who were here in 1946—Vijay Hazare, the captain, S. G. Shinde, and C. T. Sarwate. Also in the party will be Ramesh Divecha, who will be familiar with English wickets, for he has played for Oxford University, Oxfordshire, and Northants.

Vinoos Mankad, one of the world's finest all-round cricketers, is not a member of the Indian touring party. He will be playing for Haslingden, in the Lancashire League, but hopes to get permission to take part in the most important of India's matches, particularly the Tests.

ALTHOUGH John Parker is only 12, he can handle a motor-cycle skilfully—not on the road, of course—and is already well-versed in mechanics. 'Perhaps this is not surprising, for he is the son of Jack Parker, Britain's greatest speedway rider over the last 20 years, and hopes one day to emulate his father on the speedway.

HERNE HILL track will be crowded on Good Friday, for the Champion of Champions cycle race. The holder of the trophy, Jan Hijelendoorn, Dutch sprint champion, will be defending his title against other Continental cycle aces, and many of Britain's best racers. The title has so far never been won by a home rider.

PLAYING in a League match at Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, Gerald Ziehl recently took six wickets in one eight-ball over. Except in 1938, Britain has used the six-ball over since 1900, and the nearest approach in first-class cricket to Ziehl's performance is Percy Fender's six wickets in eleven balls in 1927.

MIDDLESEX are winners of the Premier Division of the English county table tennis championships for the fifth year running. The Middlesex team includes Rosalind and Diane Rowe, who have maintained an unbeaten record in their matches together as doubles partners in county games this season. Rosalind Rowe and Victor Barna were also unbeaten as partners.

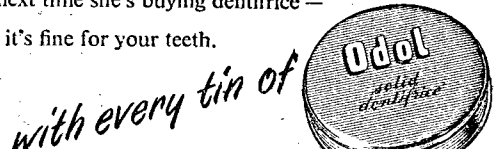
KENT COUNTY CRICKET CLUB are setting out on a five-year plan in an effort to find and develop young players in the county. They have formed a Youth Cricket Council, and first of all intend to train coaches for Kentish teenagers. The best young products of this scheme will be given their chance with the Kent Club and Ground XI and, later, with the county second team.

### SOVIET TOYS

An exhibition at the College of Preceptors, London, revealed that the Russian peasant's old craft of toy carving is still alive. Many of the toys were carved from wood and lacquered in gold and black and red. They included the matrioshka, the peasant doll which, taken apart, reveals in turn seven, similar but successively smaller dolls.

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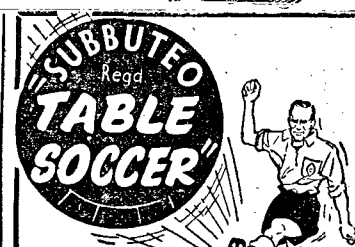
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## THE BRAN TUB

### LOOK OUT!

"Did you know that a person can live on water, Daddy?" asked young Reggie with a twinkle in his eye.

"Impossible!" replied Father.

"Oh, yes," said Reggie, edging towards the door, "he can live on water as easily as on land."

### Single-handed

You may sometimes see an old clock with only four spaces between the hour marks instead of the usual five. The reason for this is that, originally, clocks had only an hour hand, and the four spaces represented the division of the hour into quarters. Thus, when the hand was on the first mark it was quarter-past the hour; on the second mark, half-past the hour.

### OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mars and Saturn are in the east and Uranus is in the south-west. In the morning Venus is low in the south-east. The picture shows the Moon at 8.30 on Thursday evening, April 10.



### Deathly hush

AN old gentleman called into a business office and asked the manager if he could see John Richards, the new office boy. "I'm his grandfather," he added.

"I'm very sorry," replied the manager, "you are just too late; he's gone to your funeral."

### BEDTIME CORNER

#### Billy's Easter Eggs

BILLY looked worried as he counted his pocket money. Easter was only a few days off, and he had intended to buy Jean and Paul an Easter Egg each; but he had not enough money even to buy one.

He was working out possible ways of getting a few more pennies when there was a knock at the front door. Mummy was upstairs cleaning, so Billy went to the door.

It was the postman. "Parcel for you, Billy," he said.

It was a big parcel, and Billy could hardly wait to untie it. He quickly cut the string, and there was a big Easter Egg and a note from Auntie Enid.

"Look, Mummy," he called, and went racing up the stairs. But in his hurry he caught his foot on one of the stairs and he fell forward. The egg shot out of his hand and went bouncing down the stairs.

But it did not splinter into small pieces. Instead, it came apart into separate halves, and out shot half a dozen smaller Easter Eggs!

Billy stared in amazement. Then he gave a whoop.

"Hurray!" he chortled. "Paul and Jean will have their Easter Eggs after all."

#### Wonderful Wizz

THE island of Wizz is a wonderful land, With Easter Eggs lying around on the sand—Chocolate ones, cream ones, marzipan too, Golden ones, silver ones, crimson and blue.

There are wee fluffy chickens just out of the shell, And small, downy, yellow-billed ducklings as well.

Speckled sweet eggs, in their own dainty nest,

Made of the flavours that children like best.

But, alas, there's one fault with the island of Wizz—

No one has ever found out where it is.

### NO DANGER

"DADDY, can I have the hammer, please?" asked Eric.

"No; you'll hurt your fingers," replied Father.

"No, I won't," explained Eric. "Jimmy is going to hold the nails."

### A Word of Caution

GUARD well thy thoughts, For thoughts are heard in Heaven.

## "LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP, JACKO"



Jacko and Chimp decided to ignore the sign as they took a short cut.

### Name, please

HIS name suggests, at first, a cup Of tea, or one who cleans out rooms.

The end is short for a Christian name.

This, with the lady with the brooms, Makes up the name of one all know:

A prince beloved by high and low.

Answer next week

### SAMMY SIMPLE

SAMMY SIMPLE was visiting a farmer friend, who came to meet him at the station in a pony trap. Climbing up, Sammy sat with a heavy case on his knees.

"Put it down and rest yourself," invited the farmer.

"Oh, no thank you," replied Sammy. "I don't want to give your horse too much extra work."

### Nautical problem

WHEN is a sailor like a piece of wood?

When he is "a-board."



But they could not ignore the signs of the angry landowner when he arrived.

### DOUBLE MEANING

The two missing words are pronounced the same, but have different meanings. What are they?

DOWN the steep and winding — A chattering monkey came.

We gazed at it with startled — But it proved to be quite tame.

stairs, stores

### Poor Primula!

WHY was the Primula so prim? I think that she was shy; The Tiger Lily, looking grim, Had just gone "stalking" by!

### RODDY



"So that's the Elder tree; it looks younger to me."

### CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked together, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two of the second answer, and so on.

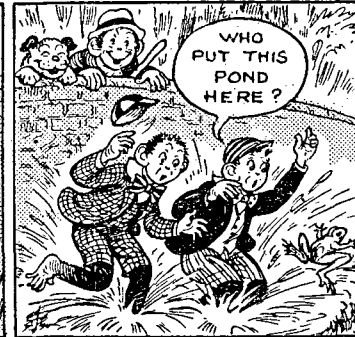
1. Capital of Tibet and site of the enormous palace of the Dalai Lama; for some centuries it was the "forbidden city" and not visited by Europeans.

2. A large tract of sea, remarkable for its mass of weed, in mid-Atlantic; the weed was once thought to be carried there by the Gulf Stream.

3. College of the University of Paris, founded in 1252; for centuries it was the leading theological college of Europe; it remains the main centre of the University.

4. The god of the sea, whose name was given to a planet; the planet was discovered in 1846 after its existence had been deduced mathematically by a Frenchman and an Englishman.

Answer next week



And their "leap in the dark" dampened more than their spirits.

### Higgs' pigs

THERE was an old farmer named Higgs,

Who owned two remarkable pigs. One could play "Home, Sweet Home"

On a paper and comb, While the other could dance Irish jigs.

### TAKING THINGS LITERALLY

THE doctor dashed out of his surgery, ran along the road, and finally caught his patient.

"When I told you to take something warm," he said, "I didn't mean my overcoat."

### Riddle in rhyme

A TERM in boxing gives my first, To do my next you need a boat.

Combine them and you then will have

A bird with soft, grey-feathered throat.

Answer next week

### FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

A BUSY BEE. Two bees were busy on the large golden disc of a dandelion. One stout, velvet-clad gentleman Don identified as a humble-bee; the other resembled a small hive-bee.

"It's a solitary mining-bee," commented Farmer Gray. "He has probably recently emerged from that sandy bank by the gorse bushes. Last year a female mining-bee dug a burrow in the soil and, making a cell inside, laid an egg, also leaving a supply of food, consisting of pollen and honey, for the grub to eat when it hatched. The grub turned to a chrysalis, and finally to a bee.

"A sunny spring day is chosen on which to leave the burrow."

### JUMBLED CITIES

IF the letters of the following phrases are properly rearranged they will spell the names of six famous cities in the British Commonwealth.

BARN CARE BAD RUN  
NUN DIED AIDED LEA  
TOO TORN IN NEW PIG

Answer next week

### Pithy proverb

IT is better to fill your head than your bed.

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Riddle-my-town  
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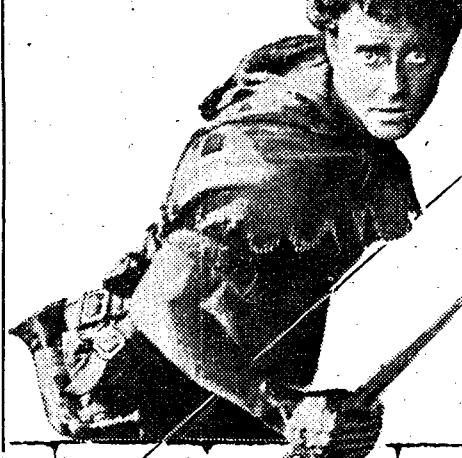
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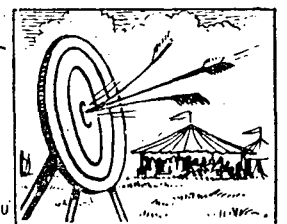
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